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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: AGENDA ITEM 4 -
ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REF: (A) GENEVA 9713; (B) STATE 161655; (C) STATE 160900

1. FOLLOWING IS ADVANCE DRAFT TEXT OF GOVERNING COUNCIL
REPORT INTENDED TO REFLECT DISCUSSION ON ASSISTANCE TO
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN PLENARY JUNE 22,
PRIVATELY MADE AVAILABLE TO US BY SECRETARIAT.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DURING THE FURTHER COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS
ON ITEM 4 A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN LIBERA-
TION ORGANIZATION (PLO) ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL AS AN
OBSERVER. HE NOTED THE INTEREST OF UNDP IN IMPROV-
ING THE CONDITIONS OF COLONIALIZED PEOPLE AND PRAISED
ITS WORK IN THIS REGARD AS EXCELLENT. HE CITED THE
NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WHICH HAD BEEN
STRESSED BY VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS BODIES - UNESCO,
UNICEF, WMO, ILO AND OTHERS. MANY MEASURES OF

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ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN UNDERTAKEN, HE SAID, BUT TO
DATE UNDP HAD SHOWN NO SPECIFIC INTEREST. HE ASKED
THE COUNCIL FOR HELP IN THIS RESPECT, CITING RESOLU-
TIONS BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (2100
LXIII AND 2026 LXI) CALLING UPON UNDP AND OTHER
UNITED NATIONS BODIES TO CONSULT AND CO-OPERATE WITH
THE PLO IN ITS REPRESENTATION OF THE PALESTINIAN

PEOPLE.

VARIOUS MEMBERS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THIS STATEMENT. TWO MEMBERS STATED THAT THE PALESTINIANS FIGURE PROMINENTLY AMONG THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD WHO SUFFER COLONIALISM, DISCRIMINATION AND DEPRIVATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS. THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD SUCH PEOPLE, AS EXPRESSED IN MANY RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AS THE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, UNDP SHOULD SHOULDER ITS SHARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY. IN ADDITION, THE PLO WAS RECOGNIZED BY MANY REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MANY GOVERNMENTS AND ENJOYED OBSERVER STATUS IN THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2026(LXI), FOR EXAMPLE, "CALLS ONCE MORE UPON THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO CONTINUE AND TO INTENSIFY, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND IN CO-ORDINATION WITH THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA, THEIR EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE." IN THAT CONNEXION, MANY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WERE ALREADY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE PLO. THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAD

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RECENTLY AUTHORIZED A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE RIGHTS OF THESE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE MUST BE SAFEGUARDED, THESE MEMBERS STRESSED, AND THEY URGED THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNCIL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS AND REPORT ON THE ACTION TAKEN TO THE COUNCIL'S TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION.

EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF REPLY, ONE OBSERVER SAID HE WOULD AVOID ACRIMONIOUS POLITICAL DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE. HE WISHED ONLY TO REMIND THE COUNCIL OF THE TRUE NATURE OF THE PLO AND OF THEIR OBJECTIVES AS STATED IN THEIR COVENANT. THESE WERE FLAGRANTLY IN VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND DESIGNED TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS FOR LIQUIDATING THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THE PLO, HE CONTINUED, WAS A NEGATIVE MOVEMENT OF DESTRUCTION, NOT LIBERATION. HIS GOVERNMENT THEREFORE OBJECTED IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO ANY ASSISTANCE TO THAT ORGANIZATION, WHICH WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN THE AREA.

WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, THE ADMINISTRATOR INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT SINCE NOVEMBER 1976 UNDP HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL FUND (PNF) REGARDING TWO PROJECT IDEAS, ONE OF WHICH WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY UNESCO. UNDP HAD ALSO BEGUN A DIALOGUE WITH THE PNF ON THE PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTING ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS 2100 AND 2016. THE PROGRAMME HAD CONSULTED WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECWA AND WITH THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO ECWA ON NEW APPROACHES TO IDENTIFYING

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THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ON 3 MAY 1978, THE DIRECTOR OF THE REGIONAL BUREAU FOR ARAB STATES WROTE TO THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE TO ECWA, EXPLAINING THE POSITION OF UNDP REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS, AND INDICATING UNDP WOULD CONTACT THE PLO'S REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK ON THE MATTER. UNDP INTENDED TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS WITHIN THE MANDATE AVAILABLE TO IT. END TEXT.

3. TEXT APPEARS TO BE GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD SUMMATION OF STATEMENTS.

4. SEPTTEL WILL REPORT US DEL PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH MORSE AND ROTHERMEL (EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO ADMINISTRATOR) PURSUANT TO PARA 4, REF (C). IN THIS CONNECTION, IN LIGHT OF MORSE STATEMENT TO GOVERNING COUNCIL THAT UNDP HAS

STARTED A DIALOGUE WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE
NATIONAL FUND ON PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTING ECOSOC RES
2100, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US DEL TO KNOW WHETHER
DEPARTMENT DRAWS DISTINCTION BETWEEN PLO AND PNF FOR
PURPOSES OF PRESENTATION OF OUR POLICY AS STATED PARA 2,
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